[*English*]

Equity Investment in S.S.I.

*303. PROF MALINI BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether equity investment is allowed in Small Scale Industries by other industrial undertakings;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the independent status of small industries is not thus affected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). Government have decided to allow equity participation by other industrial undertakings in the Small Sector Industrial Undertakings. However, this participation will be subject to a ceiling of 24% of the total equity of the small scale industrial undertaking.

(c) Equity participation up to 24% by other industrial undertaking does not affect the basic character of a small scale undertaking that it shall not be a subsidiary of, or owned or controlled by any other industrial undertaking.

[*Translation*]

Development of Villages

3200. SHRI BHUVNESHWAR PRASAD METHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the people of villages are fleeing to the cities on a large scale for want of facilities; and

(b) if so, the details of the programmes chalked out by the Government for rapid development of villages?

THE MINISTER FOR STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Migration from villages to towns is a phenomenon observed in all developing countries.

(b) For development of villages, following rural development programmes are being implemented in the country.

1) Poverty Alleviation Programmes which include Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), and its subsidiary schemes of Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM) & Development of Women and Children in Rural Area (DWCRA) and Rural Employment Programme viz., Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY).

2) Area Development Programmes which include Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP).

3) Other Rural Development Programmes which include:

   i) Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and Technology Mission.

   ii) Agricultural Marketing and Rural Godown.

   iii) Land Reforms.

   iv) Revitalisation of Panchayati Raj Institutions.

   v) Strengthening of Training Infrastructure.

vi) Assistance to voluntary organisations through Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART).

Minimum Needs Programme (MNP), which includes Elementary and Adult Education, Rural Health, Rural Water Supply, Rural Roads, Rural Electrification, Rural Housing, Rural Senitation, Rural Cooking Energy and Public Distribution System (PDS).

Closure of B.S.T. Pipe Factory

3201. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the B.S.T. pipe factory in Gannaur township of Sonepat district of Haryana is lying closed since last year and whether the Government proposes to revive it; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is proposed to be revived?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY(PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). According to State Government of Haryana M/s. B.S.T. manufacturing Ltd., Sonepat, is lying closed since November, 1988. The unit approached Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIR) on 22.5.90 under provisions of Section 15 (1) of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) act, 1985. According to the State Government, M/s. BST Manufacturing Limited, Ganaur District Sonepat have reported that they have already submitted rehabilitation scheme to IFCI appointed as Operating Agency by the BIFR and they propose to reopen the factory in April, 1992 subject to the sanction of rehabilitation scheme by all concerned including BIFR.

[*English*]

Shortage of Coconut Oils

3202. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of coconut oil in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) how the Government propose to overcome the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Drinking Water Projects in Kerala with World Bank Assistance

3203. SHRI T.J. ANJALOSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering any new drinking water projects to be undertaken in Kerala with the help of World Bank and Life Insurance Corporation;

(b) if so the details thereof; and

(c) the places which are to be included in the new projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.